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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 20 December 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Iraq (S/2000/1134 and S/2000/1197)

Eritrea/Ethiopia (S/2000/1194)

Sierra Leone (S/2000/1199)*

Other matters

* To be continued in the afternoon if necessary.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 87th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Macroeconomic policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/55/579) [92]

   (a) Trade and development: report of the Second Committee (A/55/579/Add.1)

   (b) Commodities: report of the Second Committee (A/55/579/Add.2)

   (c) External debt crisis and development: report of the Second Committee (A/55/579/Add.3)

   (d) Science and technology for development: report of the Second Committee (A/55/579/Add.4)

   (e) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries: report of the Second Committee (A/55/579/Add.5)

2. Sectoral policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/55/580) [93]

(continued overleaf)

3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: reports of the Second Committee (A/55/581, A/55/581/Add.6) [94]

   (a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade: report of the Second Committee (A/55/581/Add.1)

   (b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy: report of the Second Committee (A/55/581/Add.2)

   (c) Cultural development: report of the Second Committee (A/55/581/Add.3)

   (d) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership: report of the Second Committee (A/55/581/Add.4)

   (e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II): report of the Second Committee (A/55/581/Add.5)

4. Environment and sustainable development: reports of the Second Committee (A/55/582, A/55/582/ Add.8) [95]

   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21: report of the Second Committee (A/55/582/Add.1)

   (b) Convention on Biological Diversity: report of the Second Committee (A/55/582/Add.2)

   (c) Water supply and sanitation: report of the Second Committee (A/55/582/Add.3)

   (d) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: report of the Second Committee (A/55/582/Add.4)

   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa: report of the Second Committee (A/55/582/Add.5)

   (f) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005: report of the Second Committee (A/55/582/Add.6)

   (g) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind: report of the second Committee (A/55/582/Add.7)

5. Operational activities for development: report of the Second Committee (A/55/583) [96]

6. Training and research: report of the Second Committee (A/55/584) [97]

7. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources: report of the Second Committee (A/55/585) [98]

8. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006): report of the Second Committee (A/55/586 and Corr.1) [99]

9. Globalization and interdependence: report of the Second Committee (A/55/587) [100]

10. High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development: report of the Second Committee (A/55/588) [101]

11. Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: report of the Second Committee (A/55/589) [102]

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Second Committee (A/55/590) [12]

13. Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/55/3 and Add.1 and 2) [12]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 117 and 123 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 and Human resources management: Safety and security of United Nations personnel (A/55/658 and A/55/494)); 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2000 (A/C.5/55/25 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/L.22 (Section A)); 124 (United Nations common system (A/55/30, A/54/483, A/55/526 and A/55/629)); 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/C.5/55/29 and A/C.5/55/L.22 (Section D)); 118 (Programme planning A/55/16, A/55/6 (Introduction and programmes 1-25), A/55/63, A/55/73, A/55/85, A/C.5/55/14, A/C.5/55/17, A/C.5/55/18, A/C.5/55/19, A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/22)); and 117 and 153 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 and Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations and other related reports (A/55/305, A/55/502, A/55/507 and Add.1, A/C.4/55/6 and A/55/676))

Open-ended Working Group

3 p.m.*- 6.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Agenda items 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11 and Corr.1)) and 169 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations)

6.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Agenda items 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11 and Corr.1)) and 169 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations)

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Administrative matters
2. Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities
3. Draft reports
4. Contingency fund

Announcements

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the Web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429; or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

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Information on documentation for the thirty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development (13-23 February 2001, New York) can be obtained by interested delegations from the Secretariat (room DC2-1362, tel.: 212 963 5873). It is also available on the Web site of the Division for Social Policy and Development (www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/2001.htm).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 20 December 2000

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Workshop

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are conducting a Programme for the Training of Trainers on Negotiation and Consensus Building for the Group of 77. The workshop will continue *today*, 20 December 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room A, and from 9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B. Please note that participants have already been selected. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution under agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), organized by the delegation of Nigeria, *today*, 20 December 2000, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 December 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Russian Federation Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/russia.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Announcement

The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 21 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 88th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: draft resolution (A/55/L.67) [27]
2. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: draft resolution (A/55/L.68) [30]
3. Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: draft resolution (A/55/L.37/Rev.1) [50]
4. Towards global partnerships: draft resolution (A/55/L.71) [173]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m. 43rd meeting Conference Room 3

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

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The second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects will be held at United Nations Headquarters from 8 to 19 January 2001 in Conference Room 2.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 54/54 V, the Preparatory Committee is open to participation by all States. States are requested to provide the Secretariat, in writing, with information regarding the composition of their delegations. This information should be sent to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Department for Disarmament Affairs, (room S-3100A; fax: (212) 963-1121) by Friday, 22 December 2000.

Delegations intending to circulate documents as documents of the Preparatory Committee are invited to submit them to the Secretariat for processing at the earliest possible date.

Delegations are reminded to provide at least 300 copies of any document or statement intended for this session of the Preparatory Committee.

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The Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly in 2001 for Follow-up to the World Summit for Children will hold its second substantive session from 29 January to 2 February 2001 at Headquarters. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 29 January 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

Delegations are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Kuo-Chung Lin (room S-2977H; fax: (212) 963-5305).

The draft provisional outcome document, entitled "A World Fit for Children", as contained in document A/AC.256/CRP.6 is now available in all languages in room S-2977.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 210th (closed)* meeting of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq et Kuwait will be held on Thursday, 21 December 2000, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho) will be held on Tuesday, 9 January 2001, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Pre-session informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold a formal session to elect its new Bureau on Tuesday, 16 January 2001, from 3 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. The meeting will be followed by pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session for 2001 from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

First regular session for 2001

The first regular session for 2001 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held on Friday, 26 January, and from 29 January to 6 February 2001 in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/2001/L.1. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (fax: (212) 906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 22 January 2001.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

First regular session for 2001

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 22 to 26 January 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 15 January 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (22-26 January 2001) will take place on Monday, 8 January 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 19 December 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4249th meeting

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (S/2000/1196)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Yugoslavia, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Annabi.

The Council then heard a statement by the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Bangladesh, France, the United Kingdom, China, Argentina, the Netherlands, Jamaica, Malaysia, Tunisia, Canada, Ukraine, Mali and Namibia, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Russian Federation.

4250th meeting

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (S/2000/1196)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2000/40).

4251st meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Afghanistan, India, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2000/1202, submitted by India, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan and the United States of America.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the representative of Afghanistan.

The Council then proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2000/1202) before it.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, France, Ukraine and the United States.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2000/1202) received 13 votes in favour (Argentina, Bangladesh, Canada, France, Jamaica, Mali, Namibia, Netherlands, Russian Federation, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America), none against, and two abstentions (China and Malaysia), and was adopted as resolution 1333 (2000).

Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China and Canada, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Russian Federation.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

86th plenary meeting

Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/55/108) [17 (h)]

The General Assembly took note of the appointment by the President of Argentina, Benin, Finland, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Peru and Sierra Leone as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (h) of agenda item 17.

The situation in East Timor during its transition to independence [49]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-sixth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 49.

Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan; the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [20 (d) and 46]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/348, A/55/393, A/55/633)

(b) Letter from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/55/548)

(c) Draft resolution (A/55/L.62/Rev.1)

(d) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/698)

The representative of Germany made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.62/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Australia, the Russian Federation, Turkey, Japan, Afghanistan, Egypt and Pakistan.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.62/Rev.1 (resolution 55/174).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 20.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 46.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: draft resolution (A/55/L.64) [20]

(a) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/55/L.66) [20 (b)]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 20 and of its sub-item (b).

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/55/L.64 and A/55/L.66 (resolutions 55/175 and 55/176).

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 20 and its sub-item (b).

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [43]

(a) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.33/Rev.1, A/55/L.42/Rev.1)

(b) Reports of the Fifth Committee (A/55/694, A/55/695)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/55/L.33/Rev.1 and A/55/L.42/Rev.1 (resolutions A/55/177 and A/55/178).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 43.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe [29]

(a) Draft resolution (A/55/L.69)

(b) Amendment (A/55/L.70)

The President informed members of a correction to the English version of draft resolution A/55/L.69.

The representative of Austria made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.69.

The representative of Azerbaijan made a statement in the course of which he introduced the amendment to draft resolution A/55/L.69 contained in document A/55/L.70.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolution A/55/L.69 and the amendment thereto contained in document A/55/L.70.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Amendment to draft resolution A/55/L.69 (A/55/L.70) (recorded vote)	62	1	65
Draft resolution A/55/L.69 (as amended) (recorded vote) (resolution 55/179)	147	1	0

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Egypt.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 29.

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/681) [138 (b)]

The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/55/681).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution:			
Fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 2, 3 and 14 (recorded vote)	85	3	47
Draft resolution as a whole (resolution 55/180)	140	3	0

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Egypt.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Lebanon and Israel.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 138.

Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/662) [12]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/55/662).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of those chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council allocated to the Fifth Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Uruguay (19 December 2000)

Signature: Yugoslavia (19 December 2000)

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Signature: Netherlands (19 December 2000)

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